**ITAA, in partnership with the
National Institute of Standards and Technology**
invites you to attend the

"NIST Security Configuration Checklists:
A Workshop for IT Product Vendors"

**Thursday, November 4, 2004 from 8:30am - 12:00pm
Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC**

Workshop Objective: This workshop will present an overview of the NIST Security Configuration Checklists Program, a public-private collaboration, for the purposes of assisting software vendors in creating security configuration checklists and learning how to participate in the NIST program.

The workshop will consist of 1/2 day of presentations and panel discussions that will focus on the following:
- Why checklist configurations are important for IT product customers to help optimize the security of their products and work environments,
- How checklists can reduce service-related costs to IT product vendors,
- How checklists will be used within the US Federal Government and DHS,
- The relationship to the Federal Information Security Management Act,
- How to write and structure checklists, and
- How to make checklists accessible from the NIST checklist repository and use the checklist logo on participating IT products.

Who Should Attend: Software companies who are developing products for the Federal marketplace. In particular, product managers and business development execs from companies producing a wide range of IT offerings are encouraged to attend.

Registration Fee:

ITAA Members	$100.00
Non-Members	$150.00

Overview: The Cyber Security R&D Act of 2002 mandates the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) make available security configuration checklists for IT products that are or will be widely used in the Federal government. Once developed for the Federal Government, it is hoped that these

checklists will assist in securing systems well beyond the Federal marketplace -- into the commercial marketplace. Because of the magnitude of this task, NIST is engaging the vendor community to develop checklists for their IT products.

The key IT product technology areas include:
- operating systems,
- database systems,
- web servers,
- e-mail servers,
- firewalls,
- routers,
- intrusion detection systems,
- virtual private networks,
- biometric devices,
- smart cards,
- mobile devices (e.g., PDAs),
- multi-purpose devices,
- telecommunication switching devices, and
- web browsers.

The goals of the NIST program are:
- To facilitate the development and sharing of security configuration checklists by providing a framework for developers to submit checklists to NIST
- To assist developers in making checklists that conform to common baseline levels of security
- To assist developers and users by providing guidelines for making checklists better documented and more usable
- To provide a managed process for the review, update, and maintenance of checklists, and
- To provide an easy-to-use repository of checklists.

NIST has produced a draft guideline (NIST 800-70), which describes how the checklist program will operate and also provides advice and guidance on the development of checklists. For more information regarding checklists and associated types of information technology products, as well as the draft guideline, go to NIST's checklist program web site at: http://checklists.nist.gov.

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